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In re Application of
Jason Benfield et al
Application No. 09/895,143
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Attorney Docket No. AUS920010376US1

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 2, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Nonfinal Rejection of September 27, 2004, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2142.

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